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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2006, the term for response to which expires on November 30, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-4 are amended, and claims 5-8 are canceled.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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